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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Organizational and Production Problems Resulting from
Personnel Ceiling [REDACTED] for OPI

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1. The tentative distribution of personnel strength among the various Office activities, based on a ceiling [REDACTED] is shown on Tab A. The changes in the number of positions from 1953 T/O strength and in the number of positions from current on-duty strength are also shown.

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2. The slight increase of on-duty strength for Executive Direction, Coordination and Staff Support, is for strengthening the Secretariat for EIC and for effecting necessary improvements in the coordination of collection requirements.

3. The augmentation of the HEB coordination and publication component is absolutely essential if the rate of this work in CIA is to keep pace with the rate of production imposed by the JCS and currently maintained by contributing agencies. Even so, this component during the fiscal year 1954 can only process presently accumulated backlog. To reduce the growing gap, either the quality of editing must suffer or the JCS must be asked to decrease the required rate of production. In either event, serious repercussions from other agencies, including the JCS, can be anticipated in criticism of CIA's part in this program. For this reason, it is urged that special consideration be given to further increase in staffing for this activity above [REDACTED] ceiling.

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4. Although reducing the strength of the Geographic Research Area [REDACTED] below the authorized T/O, an increase above current on-duty strength is required to give minimum staffing for the photo intelligence operation, initiated in FY 1953, and to meet minimum requirements for the support of clandestine planning and field activities. Even with the proposed staffing, it will be impossible to give more support to the DD/P areas and to SAC than is currently provided. Requests for such support are far in excess of current capabilities.

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5. In anticipation of a substantial cut-back from the authorized 1953 T/O for the Economic Research Area, a reorganizational plan is being formulated to provide for the tightest possible staffing pattern that will permit essential all-source economic research on the Soviet Bloc with attention directed toward the most significant elements of Soviet economy and toward a continuing improvement in the quality of the finished intelligence.

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Combined with this, plans shortly will be activated for merging the program and staff of the Strategic Division to effect a unified economic research program and staff within ORR. Anticipated reductions of research by other agencies on the Soviet Bloc economy will increase very significantly the difficulties of ORR in providing the necessary intelligence. The preliminary plan, based on what was considered a minimum staffing, called for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] above the current on-duty strength, [REDACTED] the authorized I/O. Obviously, this cannot be attained. Desired improvements in the quality of staffing will depend, in large part, on attrition. Flexibility will be reduced. Quality intelligence production will face a "stretch-out," as will the fulfillment of planned organizational objectives.

6. Intelligence support to the Economic Defense program is now being reduced slightly below the on-duty strength. Augmentation of the staff concerned with intelligence needed on transactions involving illegal East-West trade, and reflecting current policy emphasis, is to be obtained by diverting personnel from analysis of export controls and commodities involved.

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Tab A

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